

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/511,443

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 3/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 23-33 (renumbered as 1-11, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/24/05</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Carpenter on 9/24/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 23-33, drawn to a method of creating content for passenger user selectable entertainment in an on-board in-flight system, classified in class 386, subclass 46.
- II. Claims 34-39, drawn to a system for providing both audio only content and audio visual content, classified in class 725, subclass 76.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention Group I has separate utility such as creating content for passenger user selectable entertainment in an on-board in-flight system by preparing a first table listing of information related to the first content items, the first table listing comprising, for each first content item, a serial number identifying the first content item on the recording medium, a channel number of

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the on-board in-flight system for the first content item, a text description of the first content item, and availability conditions of the first content item and does not require a removable media having the audio only content and audio visual content recorded thereon, wherein the contents are recorded on the removable media are allowed to be transported in and out of the airliner according to applicable prescriptions and the system allows passengers in the commercial airliner to select at least one of the audio only content and audiovisual content that is available during the passengers' flights per the selected content's listing of Group II for patentability. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

During a telephone conversation with Mr. John Carpenter on Sept. 24, 2005, it is agreed to cancel claims 34-38 to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 34-38 have been canceled.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a method of creating content for passenger user selectable entertainment in an on-board in-flight system. Each independent claim identifies the uniquely distinct features "preparing a first table listing of information related to the first content items, the first table listing comprising, for each first content item, a serial number identifying the first content item on the recording medium, a channel number of the on-board in-flight system for the first content item, a text description of the first content item, and availability conditions of the first content item"

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and "storing the first table listing in conjunction with the first content items on the recording medium". The closest prior art, Troxel et al (US 6,014,381) discloses conventional system for distributing information throughout an aircraft, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

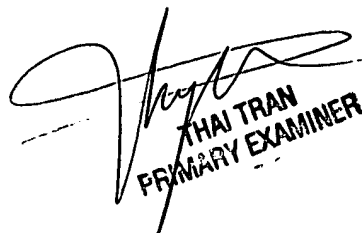
5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7382. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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